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TO RUEKJCS/JCS WASHINGTON DC //J3-JOD/NMCC//

RULPAKA/CDR 193D INF BDE FT CLAYTON PN //AFZU-DPT//

RULPAFA/USAFSO HOWARD AFB PN //CC//

RULPAFA/24COMPW HOWARD AFB PN //RCC-DO-MA//

RUCLAKA/CMDT USAIM FT BRAGG NC //ATSU-SATMO//

INFO RUESLM/USDAO LIMA PE

RUESQI/USDAO QUITO EC

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SUBJ: SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORTS IN ECUADOR(U)

1. (C) SEARCH EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE DOWNED U.S. ARMY UH-1H HELICOPTER AND ITS THREE MAN CREW WILL BE SUSPENDED 101700Z MAR 81 PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE HELICOPTER, U.S. ARMY NO.217111

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORTS IN ECUADOR (U)

(C) SEARCH EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE DOWNED U.S. ARMY UH-1H HELICOPTER WITH PILOT [REDACTED] BOTH

FROM THE 193D INF BDE, AND CREW CHIEF, [REDACTED] 7TH SFG FT BRAGG, N.C., WAS LOST 171216Z FEB 81 IN THE VICINITY OF YANGANA, ECUADOR, APPROX 25 MILES SSE OF LOJA, ECUADOR

2. (C) THE SEARCH AREA (CENTER COORDINATES 04 DEGREES, 28 MINUTES, SOUTH, 79 DEGREES, 11 MINUTES, WEST) HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN EXHAUSTIVE AND THOROUGH SEARCH EFFORT. ALL POTENTIAL TARGET AREAS REPORTED BY IR AND AERIAL VISUAL SIGHTING OF SUSPECTED AREAS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED BY GROUND PARTIES, A SUMMARY OF SORTIES AND FLIGHT HOURS FOLLOWS:

A. (C) USAF C-130E	12 SORTIES	66.1 HOURS
B. (C) USAF UH-1N	61 SORTIES	69.5 HOURS
C. (C) US ARMY UH-1H	31 SORTIES	45.7 HOURS
D. (C) EC ALOUETTE	31 SORTIES	42.0 HOURS
E. (C) USAF HC-130H	6 SORTIES	42.8 HOURS
F. (C) EC TWIN OTTER	13 SORTIES	28.0 HOURS
G. (C) EC UH-1N	13 SORTIES	21.4 HOURS
H. (C) USAF AC-130H	5 SORTIES	22.2 HOURS
I. (C) AMEMBASSY C-12	1 SORTIE	1.5 HOURS

TOTAL AREA SEARCHED: 3,890 SQUARE MILES.

3. (C) AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACHE OBSERVER MISSION AND ECUADORIAN AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALERT FOR ANY SIGHTINGS OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT. USSOUTHCOM WILL FOLLOW UP ANY ADDITIONAL LEADS THAT MAY DEVELOP.

4. (U) REQUEST RCC SUSPEND THE SEARCH EFFORTS EFFECTIVE 101700Z MAR 81 PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

5. (C) REQUEST 193D INF BDE COORDINATE NOTIFICATION NOK OF [REDACTED] OF THE SEARCH EFFORT SUSPENSION THROUGH

APPROPRIATE SERVICE CHANNELS PRIOR TO 092359Z MAR 81. ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 BE PASSED TO NOK. NOTIFY USCINCSO WHEN ACCOMPLISHED.

6. (C) REQUEST CMDT USAIMA NOTIFY NOK OF [REDACTED] OF THE SEARCH EFFORT SUSPENSION THROUGH APPROPRIATE SERVICE CHANNELS PRIOR TO 092359Z MAR 81. ADDITIONALLY REQUEST INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 BE PASSED TO NOK. NOTIFY USCINCSO WHEN ACCOMPLISHED.

7. (C) REQUEST NO PAO COVERAGE UNTIL SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORT IS IN EFFECT.

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ACTION AOC /DAMO ELEMENT/(1)

INFO DACS(7) DAMO(12) SASA(2) AOC-DAMI WATCH(1)

SCB REVIEW(1)

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